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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application amended as follows:

FEE CALCULATION No Additional Fee is Required

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

 If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. OF CLAIMS	PER THIS RESPONSE	PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	ADD'L CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT DUE
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AMENDMENTS

✓ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.

 If checked, an amended abstract is submitted herewith.

✓ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

 If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.

PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS INDICATED BELOW:

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20:

WO 02/04835 corresponding to U.S. Patent 6,918,471, commonly owned herewith, describes advantageous positioning of an inlet and an outlet for the oil in the toroidal space whereby the aforesaid pressure differences are utilised to provide a large oil flow through the toroidal space. To that end, the inlet incorporates a multiplicity of input holes arranged on surfaces of the stator where low pressure occurs during operation of the retarder. The outlet incorporates output holes arranged on surfaces of the stator where relatively high pressure occurs during operation of the retarder. The oil is thus easily led into the toroidal space via the input holes and pushed out at high pressure from the toroidal space via the output holes to the pipe circuit which is intended to recirculate the oil to the toroidal space after cooling. Oil from an oil sump is also supplied continuously to the toroidal space during retarder braking. This entails the oil from the oil sump being pumped up to the high pressure which prevails in the pipe circuit which recirculates the oil to the toroidal space after cooling. The pump is thus subject to severe requirements in that it must have sufficient capacity to impart to the oil from the oil sump at least as high a pressure as the oil in said pipe circuit. Severe requirements also apply in this case to the pipe circuit adjacent to the pump to prevent the occurrence of leakage.